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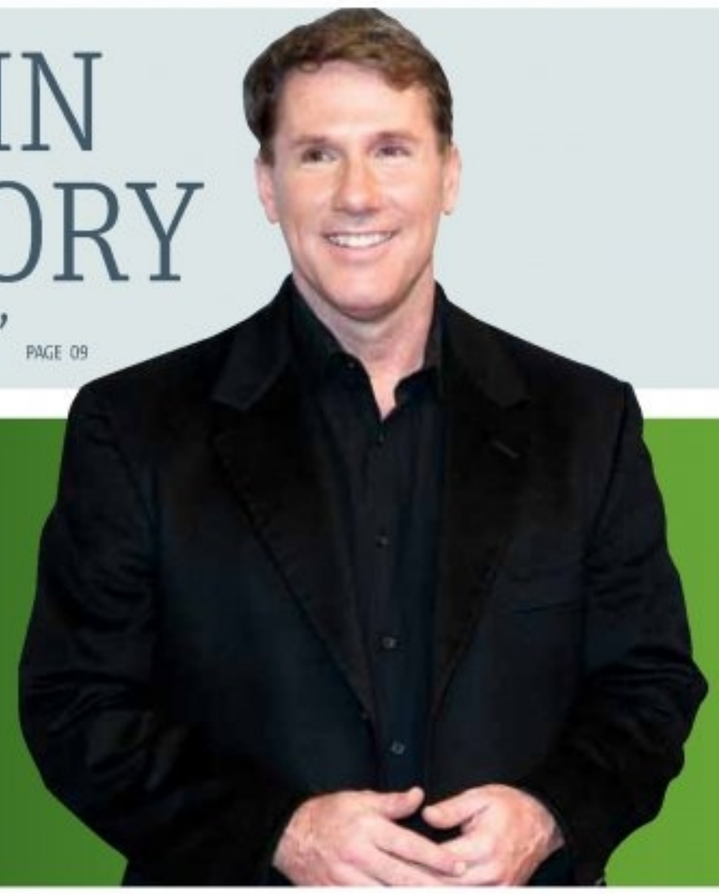

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'YET ANOTHER MASS SHOOTING'

Thirteen dead, a dozen wounded. Officials said it is unknown why deceased suspect Aaron Alexis, 34, opened fire at the U.S. Navy Yard in Washington, D.C., yesterday. **Gun control.** President Obama says he will do everything he can to try to prevent mass shootings. PAGE 04

A police officer stands guard in front of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC., yesterday after the Senate was locked down and security was tightened due to a mass shooting. / GETTY IMAGES

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Homeless man who returned $40,000 gets special award

What would you do? Glen James said he saw the money in the bag, but would never take a penny.

Police Commissioner Ed Davis prepares to present a plaque to Glen James for his honesty. / COURTNEY SACCO, METRO

The homeless man who turned over a money-filled bag to police saw more than $40,000 inside, but said he wouldn't consider taking any of it.

"Even if I were desperate for money, I would not have kept even a penny of the money I found," said Glen James in a statement.

James, a 54-year-old man who has been homeless for eight years, was awarded a special citation by Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis yesterday because he flagged down officers on Saturday and handed them the bag he found at the South Bay Center that contained the money in cash and traveler's checks, as well as a passport.

James wrote down his thoughts about finding the bag to avoid taking questions from reporters because he suffers from a stutter.

He said he lost his job as a court clerk in Boston after issues with his boss and has been homeless since then for medical reasons. He said he has siblings and relatives, but that he does not want to be a burden.

James, who told police his address was one of the city's homeless shelters, said he gets help with food and panhandles so he can do laundry and access transportation.

"It's just nice to have some money in one's pocket so that as a homeless man I don't feel absolutely broke all the time," James said in his statement. "I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone — every pedestrian, stranger — who has given me spare change. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!"

His eyes widened as Davis handed him a plaque. As he walked out of Boston Police headquarters, employees stood and cheered.

Davis said the bag belonged to a young man from China who is here as a tourist or a student. The man called a store at the Dorchester shopping center and the store connected him to police who were able to reunite him with his bag, money and passport.

As he left headquarters, a reporter asked that if he had one wish, what would it be.

"No wars," James replied.

When asked how people could reach him if they wanted to help, James provided a post-office box: PO Box 121052 Boston, MA 02112-1052.

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"I just want to thank Mr. James for what he did. ... It really is a remarkable tribute to him and his honesty." Ed Davis, Boston Police Commissioner

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Coakley hit the ground running yesterday. / THE BOSTON GLOBE

Guv run. Martha Coakley launches her bid for Massachusetts governor

Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley announced her run for governor in a video yesterday morning.

Since 2010, Coakley has worked to rebuild her political brand after losing a race for U.S. Senate to Scott Brown.

She made the first of six stops yesterday at Dempsey's Breakfast and Lunch in her hometown of Medford.

Coakley's entry into the governor's race opens up the attorney general's office for the first time in eight years. SHNS

Boot bandit

Hanover Street fire station
COURTNEY SACCO, METRO

Boot collecting money for charity stolen from North End firehouse

Someone stole a boot left outside of a North End fire station to collect money for muscular dystrophy organizations, according to the Boston Fire Department.

A department spokesman said the theft occurred sometime after midnight on Thursday outside the Hanover Street firehouse.

The boot was on a custom stand attached to a lock box, but that didn't deter the thief.

The boot was eventually found the next day in a nearby park.

The money was gone and the boot had been cut up to get to the cash. METRO

Social media

MBTA switching to simpler Twitter handle

This week the official MBTA Twitter handle will transition from @mbtaGM to @MBTA to streamline the T's online presence and make it easier for new followers to find the agency's Twitter account.

"Social media is one of the most important tools we use to communicate directly with those who rely on the T," said MBTA General Manager Dr. Beverly Scott.

"Simplifying our online identity will help us deliver service alerts and other important information to even more customers."

The T has more than 45,000 followers on Twitter. METRO

Affleck to direct Boston-set TV show

Hollywood in the Hub. Boston will once again be the scene for a crime drama involving the mob.

Affleck / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Award-winning movie star and Cambridge native Ben Affleck has signed on to direct a new television crime drama that will be set in Boston.

Fox Broadcasting Co. has ordered a pilot of "The Middle Man," and Affleck will serve not only as director but as an executive producer as well.

The gritty 1960s-era show will focus on the life of fictional FBI agent Rudy MacAteer and his attempts to take down the Italian-American mafia with the help of his confidential informant, an Irish-American gangster named Mickey Flood.

According to the show's creators, "as Rudy finds himself forced to bend the laws he pledged to enforce, the duo's actions inadvertently give rise to the Irish-American mob in this timeless Boston crime saga."

The project dates back to 2009, when the show's co-executive producer Chay Carter and Affleck met actor and screenwriter Michael Yebba and screenwriter Emilio Mauro during 2010 production of "The Town," which Affleck directed, co-wrote and starred in.

That film was set in Charlestown.

The script for "The Middle Man" is based on a story developed by Yebba, Mauro and Glenn Gordon Caron, the show's third executive producer.

Casting is expected to begin immediately, and the show will likely begin production in 2014. A pilot is expected to air on Fox sometime in the 2014-15 television season.

Affleck is a two-time Academy Award winner who has been recognized for his work as a director, actor, writer and producer. In addition to "The Town," he has had success with Boston-set films like "Good Will Hunting," and "Gone Baby Gone."

The 41-year-old star is also slated to play Batman in Warner Bros.' upcoming Superman/Batman movie.

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Improper polling

City warns of fake election calls

Some residents this weekend received phony phone calls from people claiming to be from the city's Election Department, which doesn't conduct telephone polling. "I take great offense at anyone misusing the Department's name," said Election Commissioner Geraldine Cuddyer. METRO

Green gaming

Proposed casino aims to go green

The proposed Caesars Resort at Suffolk Downs revealed plans to be the world's "most sustainably designed and built gaming resort." The plan includes conserving water, increasing open space, recovering food waste, reducing energy usage and encouraging public transit. METRO

Making a buzz-worthy brew

The Seaport Boston Hotel and Long Trail Brewing Co. unveiled a new beer yesterday called Seaport Honey Ginger IPA. The beer features fresh honey collected from the hotel, which is home to one million bees that live in 11 rooftop hives. / COURTNEY SACCO, METRO

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Navy Yard shooting leaves 13 dead in D.C.

Military. Personnel are generally banned from carrying weapons on military installations.

A 34-year-old man opened fire at the U.S. Navy Yard yesterday in a shooting that left 13 people dead, including the gunman, not far from the U.S. Capitol and the White House, officials said.

The suspect was identified by the FBI as Aaron Alexis of Fort Worth, Texas. Washington, D.C., police chief Cathy Lanier told reporters that Alexis "was engaged in shooting with police officers" when he died.

Valerie Parlave, assistant director in charge of the Washington field office of the FBI, asked the public for help with information about Alexis. Authorities said they were searching for another possible gunman wearing military-style clothing.

Earlier, officials said they were looking for two men, but then said police had established one of them was not a suspect in the shooting, which began at about 8.30 a.m.

Washington, D.C., Mayor Vincent Gray said 13 people were killed and a dozen or more injured at the Naval Sea Systems Command, one of five such commands where civilians, military personnel and contractors build and maintain Navy ships and submarines. About 3,000 people work there. REUTERS

Obama speaks

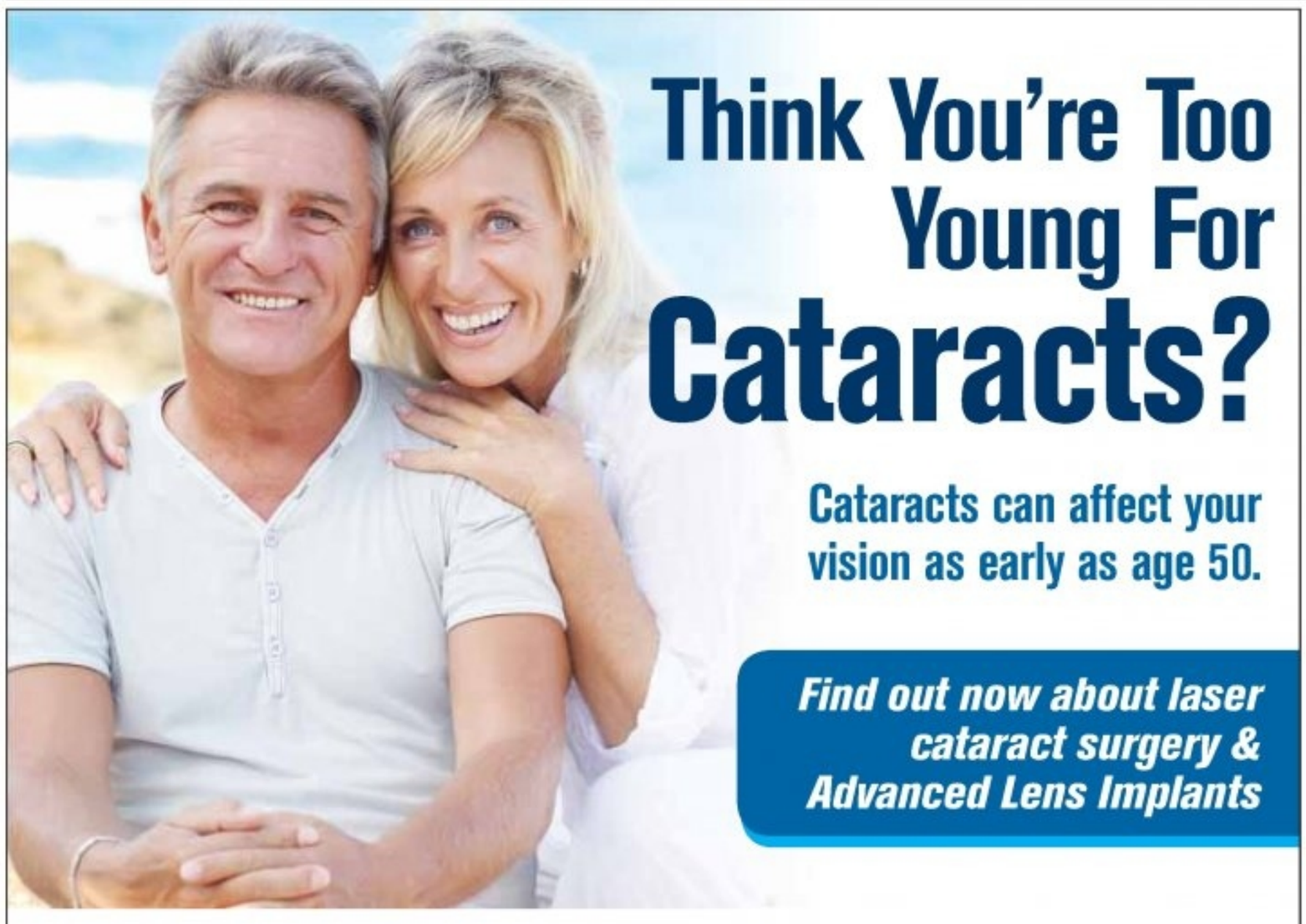
President Barack Obama said the U.S. is facing "yet another mass shooting, and today it happened at another military installation, in our nation's capital," in regards to the armed attack at Washington's Navy Yard yesterday. He vowed to hold accountable whoever was behind it.

Police tactical units respond to the shooting. / GETTY IMAGES

Shooting

Shooting suspect discharged from Navy after misconduct

Aaron Alexis, a Brooklyn native, received a general discharge from the Navy Reserve in 2011 after a series of misconduct issues, said a Navy official who spoke on the condition of anonymity. The official declined to detail the types of misconduct in Alexis' record.



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THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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Has Miley been planning this craziness all along?

Miley Cyrus is on the cover of the new Harper's Bazaar, looking demure — but then again, maybe she looks good because we're not used to seeing her actually wearing clothing.

The article doesn't mention The Twerk Heard Around the World™ but she does coyly mention trying to become omnipresent. And, as we all know, it's working.

"It's been a year since I started trying to take over the world," the actress told the mag. And who do we have to thank for this new Miley? Pharrell Williams, whom she calls her "rock." "His philosophy is that it's not what you're wearing, it's the way you wear it. It's not about the music you're making, it's how you're making it."

And in a rare display of maturity, Cyrus opens up about why she acts the way she does. "I was an adult when I was supposed to be a kid. So now I'm an adult and I'm acting like a kid." Super deep, Miley. Maybe there is a method to your madness after all?

Miley Cyrus in actual clothing. It's a good look for her, right?
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Britney Spears heads to Vegas for a huge payday

BRITNEY SPEARS
WIREIMAGE

Britney Spears has signed a two-year contract with Planet Hollywood Las Vegas to be the headliner of a "cool, hip, club-like show," per producers. Her payout is a cool $310,000 per show, with the starlet performing 48 shows a year.

The final payout will be around $15 million a year, per TMZ.com. In May, Spears talked to Shape about how she is training for the gig. "I'm doing 90 minutes of yoga twice a week in addition to a lot of cardio — hour-long sessions three times a week with my trainer, Tony Martinez," she said. "The [Vegas] performances won't be simple — they'll be a massive party from start to finish. And to pull this off, I have to be in top condition and running at full speed."

2

Jaden Smith on education reform

Jaden Smith took to Twitter for a series of pontifications about youth and society. "School is the tool to brainwash the youth," he wrote. "If everybody in the world dropped out of school we would have a much more intelligent society." I'm just going to throw it out there — that isn't really true.

The 15-year-old has been home-schooled since earlier this year, when the New Village Leadership Academy — founded by his parents with an allegedly Scientology-influenced curriculum — was shut down.

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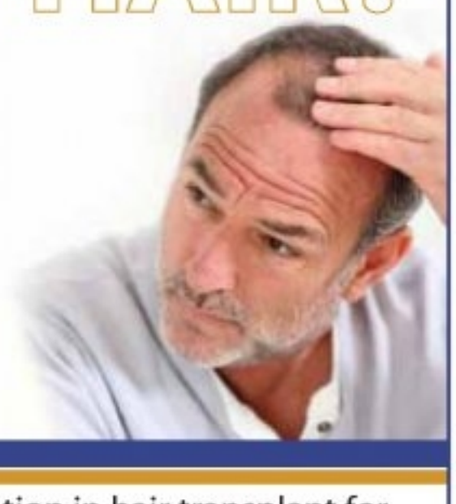

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Things might get 'Harry'

Theater. "Potted Potter" parodies seven books in 70 minutes.

"Potted Potter" opens tonight. For more info, visit www.paramountboston.org.
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Fans who were thrilled to learn that J.K. Rowling is penning a whole new film series set in the wizarding world can get their magic fix early with "Potted Potter." Well, sort of.

"We're basically rehab for Potter fans," says Dan Clarkson, who wrote and performs in the show with partner Jeff Turner.

The show parodies all seven "Harry Potter" books in just 70 minutes, which, as any loyal reader knows, is no small feat. So, how do they cover 4000-plus pages in just over an hour?

"As loyal as we try to be with the plot of the story, we do often kick out 500 pages of important dialogue, just so I can wear a funny hat and do a silly voice," admits Clarkson.

Turner plays Harry throughout the show, which leaves "all 360 other characters" for Clarkson to portray. "I love playing Voldemort," he continues. "He's just very misunderstood. You're the darkest, most powerful wizard of all time and being beaten at every turn by an 11-year-old schoolboy. All he wanted was a nice hug."

Clarkson's favorite part of the show is a live quidditch game, played with the audience. Sound dangerous? "Oh, it is," says Clarkson wryly. "There's always the risk of serious injury when you go see a show. Otherwise it's not fun."

The show isn't out to offend diehard fans, however.

"We are those fans," he says. "I was there when the books came out, dressed as a wizard, lining up at midnight, pushing small children out of the way."

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BIOGRAPHY & AUTOBIOGRAPHY / Historical

1930s- HOLLYWOOD THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY VOL. 1

FRANK N. BRATHWAITE

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30s Hollywood has been covered in great details over the decades. In spite of this, *1930s- hollywood the Good, The Bad and The Ugly Vol. 1* provides a concentrated review of what made the decade stand out as a winner. Vol. 1 focuses on Tinseltown's highs and lows throughout a turbulent period in America's history. On the backdrop that was the Great Depression, Hollywood was able to deliver the goods to a society that had just about given up. The "movies" were the only form of cheap entertainment that provided escapism for the millions of distressed and temporarily displaced people across the country. The volume also delves into the lives of two charismatic individuals whose talents, smarts and overall appeal changed the history of the cinema forever. Plus the book compatibly covers a topic that remains as omnipresent as it was back then, Gossip! Inside, readers will get a quick case study on the origins of the "fans magazine" and how it evolved into the conglomerate of entertainment based publications, via on-line media outlets that we all are fortunate to have with us today. In modern times, many are still interested in showbiz and celebrities. It's the reason Hollywood is a billion dollar industry. Nonetheless, fascination with celebs began long ago during Hollywood's silent days. Vols. 2 and 3 completes the trilogy. Demand will bring these volumes to the marketplace expediently in the near future .

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Nicholas Sparks knows his chick lit.
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Nicholas Sparks adds double the love stories in his latest novel, "The Longest Ride," which weaves back and forth between two different couples. Characters we meet include Ira, a 91-year-old man stranded after a car crash and thinking back on his decades-long marriage, and Sophia, an East Coast gal who meets Luke, a bull rider, on a fluke night out. Sparks, known for romances that readers devour and often become movies, spoke to us about getting into the minds of both an elderly man and college student and keeping the romance alive at home.

How did you come up with this idea? A trip to the rodeo?
Stories come from a variety of different ideas. Sometimes they've been inspired by events in my past or people that I know, or a scene that I want to explore. This particular novel came from an image of what I wanted the big surprise at the end of the book to be. I knew that, and then I knew the feeling that I wanted to create: surprise and wonder and "Oh my goodness, I can't believe that just happened."

What kind of research do you do for your books? Do you ever feel you need to explore what your characters do — in this case, riding bulls?
I did not ride any bulls, but I've watched a lot of YouTube videos. Certainly I did a lot of research, reading into bull riding in general. I have a brother-in-law who lives on a ranch, and so much of the information about the ranch ... is really drawn from his specific experience. The 4H, that's my nephew's experience, the horse named Horse, that's my brother-in-law. I asked the same questions as Sophia, "What do you mean you have to roll the pumpkins?" These are literally drawn straight from my conversations.

What's something you haven't been able to experiment with yet?
I'm fortunate in that the genre I work in allows me to experiment with a lot of elements from other genres. In "Safe Haven," I was able to add a thriller element. In "The Notebook," I was able to add nostalgia. In "Longest Ride," I'm able to add an epic element.

High expectations

You write such romantic books. Is there a high expectation of flowers and romantic dates in the Sparks household?
There is. I do get my wife flowers, I send her cards. I just got her perfume for no reason, put it on her pillow with a card. I do my best. She's a great lady, and she deserves a little bit of romance.

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Prost! Oktoberfest has arrived

Festivals. Break out the lederhosen; it's time for copious amounts of beer.

You might not expect it, but Denver is widely praised for its Oktoberfest. / PROVIDED

What started out as a celebration to mark the marriage of two Bavarian royals in 1810 has turned into a global annual kegger. The mother of all Oktoberfests is a 16-day, beer-fueled party in Munich, Germany, that has spawned countless imitations. Here are a few in America that will be worth your time and sobriety.

Oh my! George Takei!

Oktoberfest Zinzinnati
Cincinnati, OH
Sept. 20-22
The country's largest Oktoberfest celebration draws a crowd of more than 500,000 (consuming 1.6 million ounces of beer), and it's no surprise why. Cincinnati's German community has been a prominent presence since the 1800s. The party takes up six blocks and is free. But perhaps the biggest draw this year will be the World's Largest Chicken Dance, hosted and led by "Star Trek" and Internet legend George Takei.

The Napa Valley of beer

Oktoberfest Denver
Denver, Colo.
Sept. 27-29, Oct. 4-6
Though it doesn't have strong German roots, it's no surprise that the Mile High City boasts what USA Today and Maxim magazine have touted as "The Best Oktoberfest" in the United States. Denver appears to be vying for the title of America's Beer Capital with its respected breweries, brewpubs and the largest beer festival in the country. Oktoberfest Denver will offer the requisite "Food, Bier, Music and Stein Hoisting" at its fest. In addition, David Hasselhoff loyalists will be pleased to hear that the 5K run, Das Hustlehoff, will pay tribute to The Hoff, and each runner will receive a free Das Hustlehoff shirt.

Munich, USA

If you are longing for an Oktoberfest experience closer to the real thing, hit one of these.
Leavenworth Oktoberfest
Leavenworth, Wash.
Oct. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Once the headquarters for the Great Northern Railway, the city of Leavenworth found itself struggling after the railroad relocated early in the 1900s. In 1962, a committee was formed, its sole task to revitalize the city's economy — by turning Leavenworth into a replica of a Bavarian village.

Helen, Ga.
Sept. 19-Oct. 27
Helen is a former logging town that underwent a similarly Bavarian transformation.

Frankenmuth Oktoberfest
Frankenmuth, Mich.
Sept. 19-22
Although Michigan is synonymous with American beer, Frankenmuth, Michigan's Little Bavaria, promotes its German heritage and boasts the first Oktoberfest outside of Munich to be officially sanctioned by the mayor of Munich, so you know this one has to be good.

For procrastinators

Tulsa Oktoberfest
Tulsa, Okla.
Oct. 17-20
The Munich Oktoberfest ends the first weekend in October, and in case you have too much on your plate to participate in a timely manner, there are a number of celebrations that are planning to oompah-pah well into the end of October. Tulsa Oktoberfest is one of the most popular celebrations around the country, and for good reason — namely, keg-rolling contests. But this year's celebration has already been hit with controversy: This year, they're doing away with the 64-ounce pitchers and replacing them with 34-ounce souvenir steins. Many are crying foul at the downsizing, but will probably just drown their tears in steins full of beer.

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Vermont

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♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.
You can talk your way into a deal that will help you prosper. Show how dedicated you are and what you are willing to do, and an unusual opportunity will develop.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.
Move forward with caution. Whether you are dealing with a friend, lover or colleague, you have to listen carefully and make offers that you know you'll be able to fulfill.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.
Enjoy whatever comes your way today. Look for groups or interests that can offer you something emotionally, domestically or educationally. Opportunity will knock.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.
An idea you have or a service you can offer will lead to a potentially valuable contact. Be prepared for unexpected yet valuable surprises.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20.
Don't give up when things start to get difficult. Perseverance will set you apart from the competition. Be open to unusual ideas, and you will find a way to improve your future.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18.
Take a cautious financial attitude today. Stick to a budget and refuse to believe someone offering the impossible. Protect your assets and reputation.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.
Demonstrate what you can do. Your clever plans and talents will interest someone looking to get involved in a new project. Lady luck will smile upon you if you can stay flexible.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20.
Don't be afraid to take charge of a situation that has left others stymied. If you follow through on your commitments, you can right the ship. Don't overreact or overindulge.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21.
Shifting conditions will worry others, but you will keep an open mind. Not everyone will be happy, but your judgment will be sound.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20.
Don't turn down an opportunity to attend a social function that could lead to networking. Your ideas to improve efficiency at work will lead to an enhanced reputation.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22.
What you learn attending a conference, cultural event or by spending time with an interesting group will lead to conflicts with your past and conquests in your future.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.
Distance yourself from a personal situation and focus on the positive changes that can be made on your own with little fuss. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

Letters

GMO business is booming, and so are our fears

Re: 'Take a kinder look at good ol' GMOs' (Metro, Sept. 16) Letter writers Matt Bronsan and Kelton Barnsley prepared a great case to alleviate fears concerning GMOs in Metro.

I also believe the future of feeding 8 billion people resides in the science of genetic modifications. My fear is in the "business" of biotech patents and not the production of crops.

Monsanto's genetically modified corn seed is proprietary merchandise controlling almost 90 percent of all corn crops grown in this country.

Farmers aren't allowed to regrow previously harvested seeds, but are forced to buy new GM seeds every year.

This system of legalized agricultural racketeering will be more harmful than any GMO ever created.
RICHARD BRITTLE, VIA EMAIL

GMOs are a-maize-ing purveyors of nightmares

Re: 'Take a kinder look at good ol' GMOs' (Metro, Sept. 16) Letter writers Matt Bronsan and Kelton Barnsley, reiterating the simplistic view of genetically engineered organisms put out by Monsanto could/should experience firsthand, like I have, the violence attributed to making GMO foods. GMO foods are made by inserting one gene with a needle into another gene. After eating non-GMO foods for a very long time, because I thought they were dangerous, I accidently ate some GMO corn and experienced a horrific nightmare of needles being shot into my body. Never again will I knowingly eat any GMOs.
DAVID SNIECKUS, VIA EMAIL

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Sudoku: Easy and hard

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17 Uris or Spinks
18 Italian seaport
19 Almond and ecru
20 Mentally sharp
22 Occupy
24 Plant sci.
25 Dept. store inventory
26 To a degree
30 Rides the rapids
35 Crack pilot
36 Pause fillers
37 Ms. Winfrey
38 Prosperity
41 Daydream
43 Spud
44 Aurora, to Plato
45 Versatile vehicle
46 Beginning
47 Flute relative
50 Guzzle
53 U2 producer
54 Having deep pockets
58 Interstellar cloud
62 Liverpool poky
63 Not silently
66 Swindle
67 Electrical units
68 Doggerel
69 Gymnast – Korbut
70 Albacore
71 Screwed things up
72 Humorous Ogden

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3 Barrel of laughs
4 River in a waltz
5 Side by side
6 Fiesta shout
7 Sardine holder
8 Eschew
9 Props
10 "– – grip!"
11 Emir or sheik
12 Foreign film ender
13 Gala
21 Tug's chore
23 Egret cousin
25 Natural elevs.
26 Dealt with (2 wds.)
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28 Turns to liquid
29 "How – things?"
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33 Likes and dislikes
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40 – -craftsy
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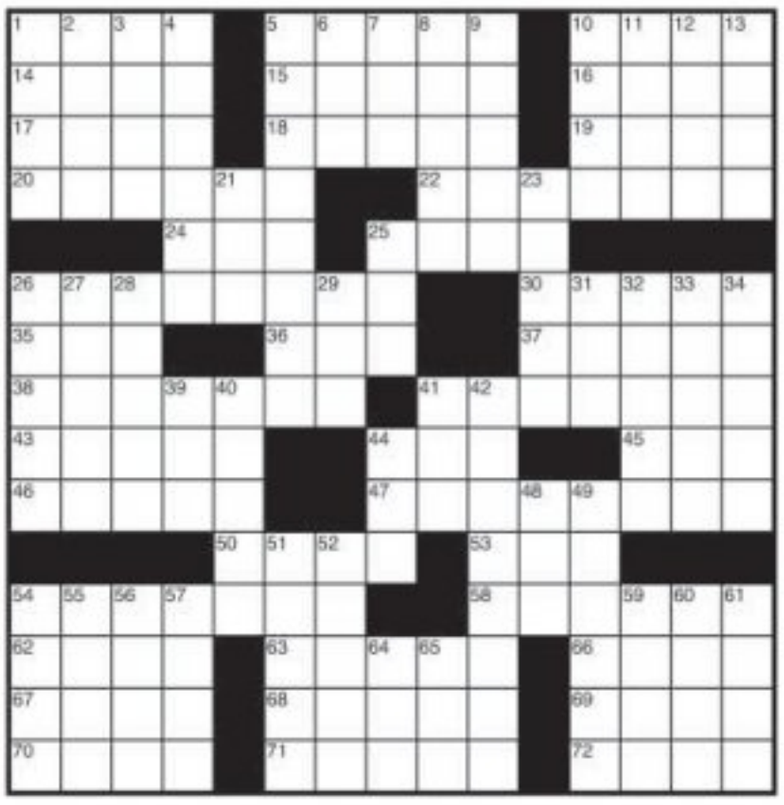

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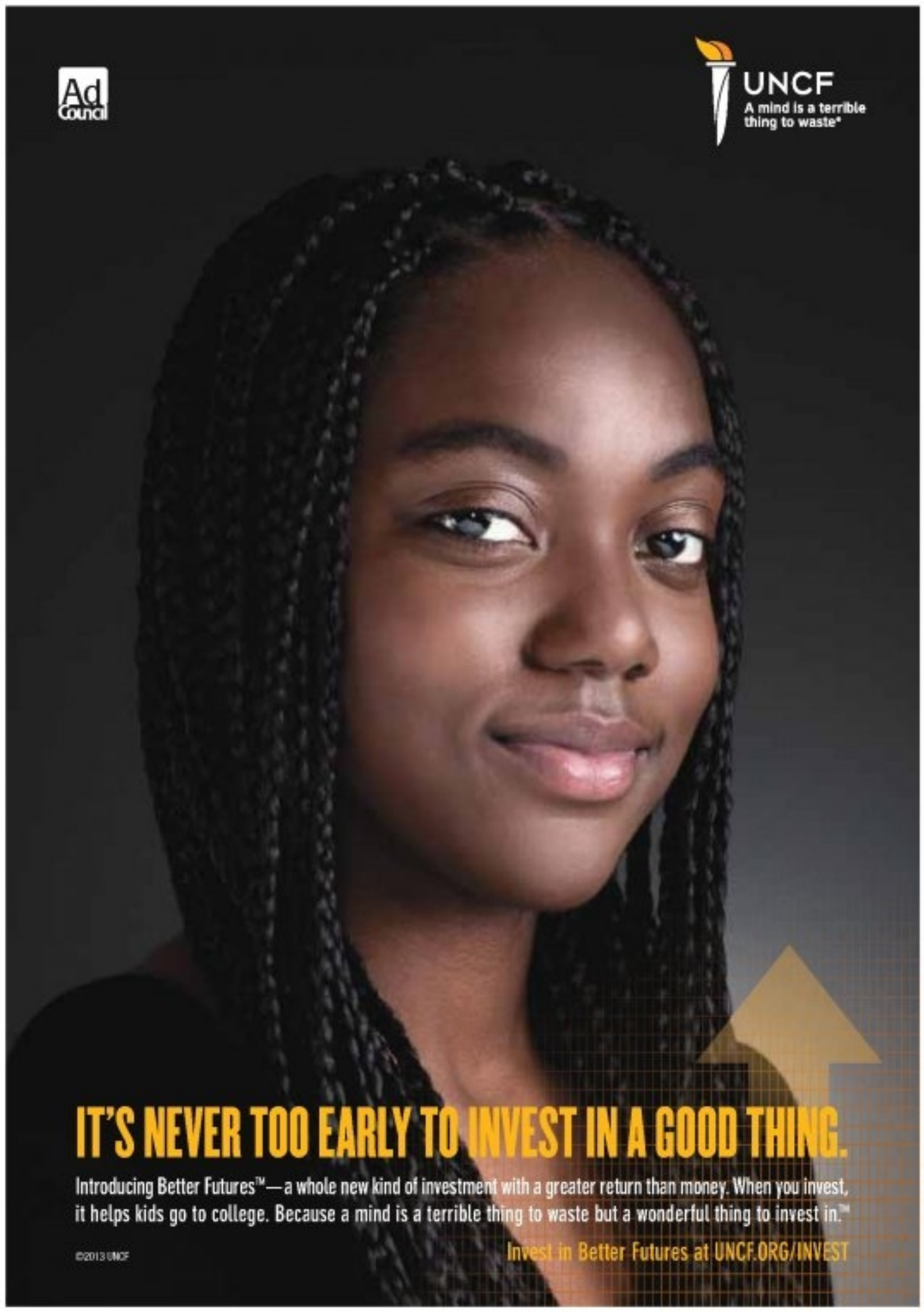
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Tim 3:16

Jags fans want Tebow

Jacksonville Jaguars fans held a rally yesterday at 3:16 p.m. at the stadium parking lot to encourage the franchise to sign free agent quarterback Tim Tebow. Tebow was a star at the University of Florida and remains highly popular in the state.

Who should the Red Sox want to face in October?

Terry Francona's Indians could very well be walking through that door come October. / BOSTON GLOBE

MLB. Boston has matched up well this season with Cleveland and, surprisingly, with the Rays as well.

On Oct. 2, the Red Sox will have their feet on ottomans, watching the American League one-game wild-card/play-in game. Unless the A's or Tigers go on a major run in the next couple of weeks or the Sox go on a slide, which has been unheard of this magical season, Boston will be fully focused on that hump day game.

Which teams would they most like to see beat each other up in that game before tackling the winner two days later?

Well, Boston has proven capable of beating them all this season — nothing surprising coming from a team on pace for 100 wins. But there are the typical things in play for October that teams like the Sox would like to avoid — elite pitching being at the top of any list.

Tampa Bay is currently slumping, but one would have to believe that John Farrell and Co. would like to avoid the likes of Matt Moore (15 wins), David Price (historically superb against Boston) and Fernando Rodney (35 saves this season). Not counting a May 15 game in which Price left the game due to a triceps injury, the Tampa lefty is averaging 7.2 innings and a 1.25 ERA in four starts this year against the Sox. Still, the Sox went 12-7 overall against the Tropicana kids this season.

The Sox would love to have the Yankees climb back in the race, as they went 13-6 against the Bombers this season. Boston has feasted on Yankees pitching this season, outscoring their rivals 120-85.

The Rangers, who held a slim lead for the final wild card spot as of Monday, have had success against the Sox this year, winning the season series, 2-4. It should be noted, however, that this success came early in the year.

Executives at TBS have to be salivating at the thought of Cleveland advancing to play the Sox, as the storyline of Terry Francona facing his former team would sell itself. Farrell went 6-1 this season against his former mentor, but the two clubs haven't met since Memorial Day weekend.

The Orioles, whom the Sox face tonight, would be a stiff test as the Birds are 7-6 this season against Boston. Even moreso than Price, the Sox would likely be frightened to see Baltimore starter Chris Tillman, who is 3-0 this year against Boston with a sparkling 1.42 ERA.

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The Red Sox will likely want to avoid Baltimore pitcher Chris Tillman, who has a 1.42 ERA and a 3-0 record against Boston this season. They will get another crack at him Thursday night at Fenway.

Timmy's return

Thomas back in NHL with Florida

Tim Thomas will look to make his NHL return with the Florida Panthers as he agreed to a tryout with the franchise yesterday.

Thomas hasn't played in the NHL in over a year due to a self-imposed hiatus.

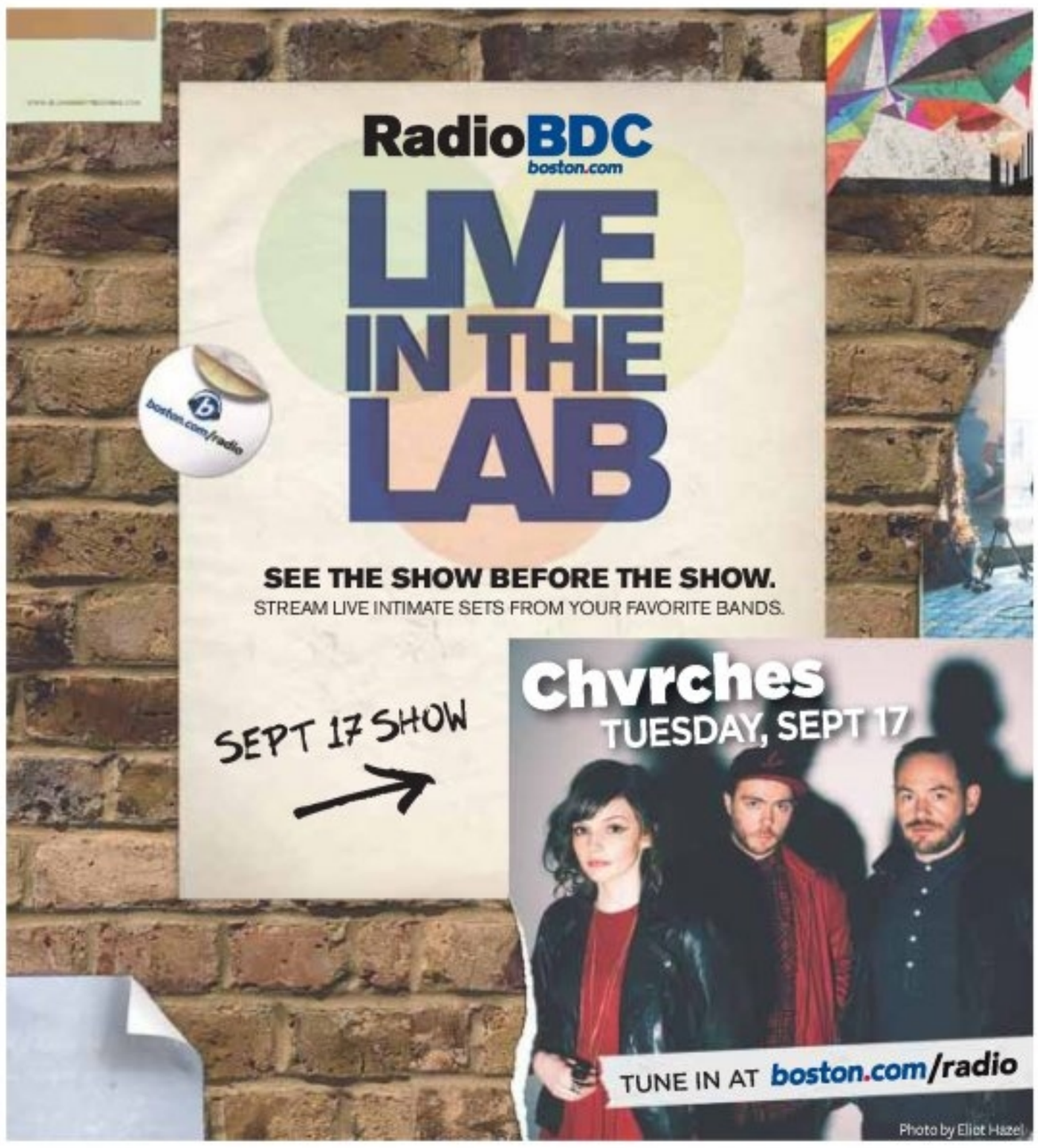
"He really wants to play and he really wants to lead and he really wants to be the starter and he wants to win and he wants to win now," Panthers GM Dale Tallon told the AP.

Thomas, 39, is a two-time Vezina Trophy winner and he led the Bruins to the Stanley Cup in 2011. METRO

Legends in town

Nicklaus headlines 'The Tradition'

The Sports Museum's 12th annual "The Tradition" will take place tonight at TD Garden. This year the Museum is honoring legendary golfer Jack Nicklaus (lifetime achievement award), BC football icon Doug Flutie (football legacy award), former Red Sox catcher Carlton Fisk (baseball legacy award), Olympic gymnast Aly Raisman (gymnastics legacy award), the Boston Celtics ownership group (basketball legacy award), former Bruins center Derek Sanderson (hockey legacy award) and current Patriots defensive lineman Vince Wilfork (community service award). The ceremony begins at 7:15 p.m. For ticket info, visit Tdgarden.com. METRO



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MLB power rankings | by Ryan Hannable

No. 1

Red Sox (92-59)

One would imagine that the Sox would have slowed down by now, having virtually clinched the AL East title, but they have done the exact opposite as they have continued to roll, winning five of six and 17 of their last 21 after their weekend sweep of the Yankees. They also became the first AL team with 92 wins in their first 151 games since the 2010 Yankees.

No. 2

Braves (89-60)

The Braves want the best overall record in the NL as they are a league-best 52-22 at home.

No. 3

Athletics (88-61)

By winning eight of its last 10, Oakland has opened up a 6 1/2-game lead in the AL West with two weeks to go.

No. 4

Cardinals (87-62)

The Cards are involved in the best division race in MLB as they and the Pirates are neck and neck in the NL Central.

No. 5

Pirates (87-62)

The Pirates' pitching has been dominant; in their last seven games, they have allowed only 2.43 runs per game.

No. 6

Tigers (86-63)

The Tigers have the second-best run differential in the AL at plus-169 and are atop the AL Central by five games.

No. 7

Dodgers (86-63)

The Dodgers need to get their offense going before October, as they have averaged just 4.05 runs a game in 2013.

No. 8

Reds (84-66)

Despite not being able to get over the hump in the NL Central, the Reds will likely secure a wild-card spot soon.

No. 9

Indians (81-68)

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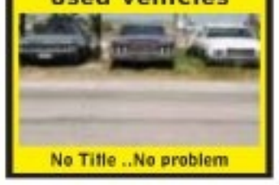
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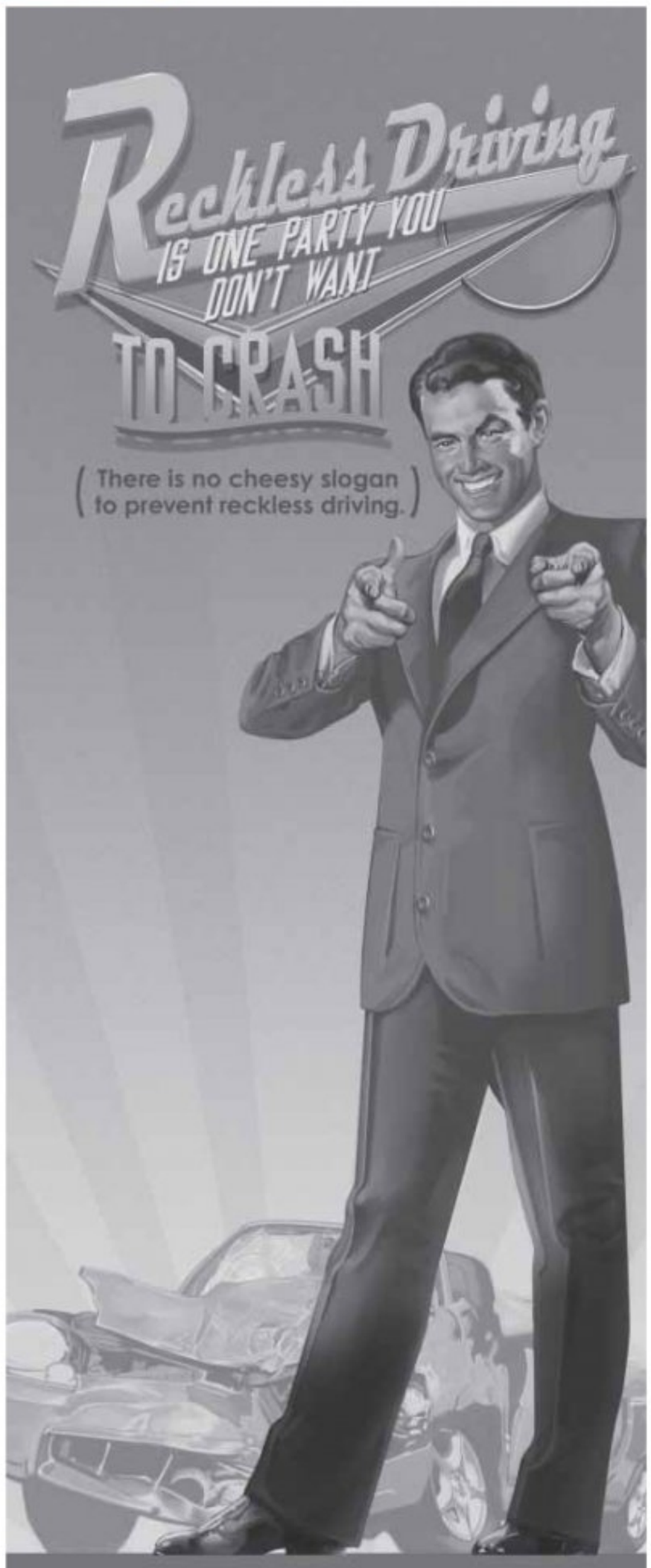

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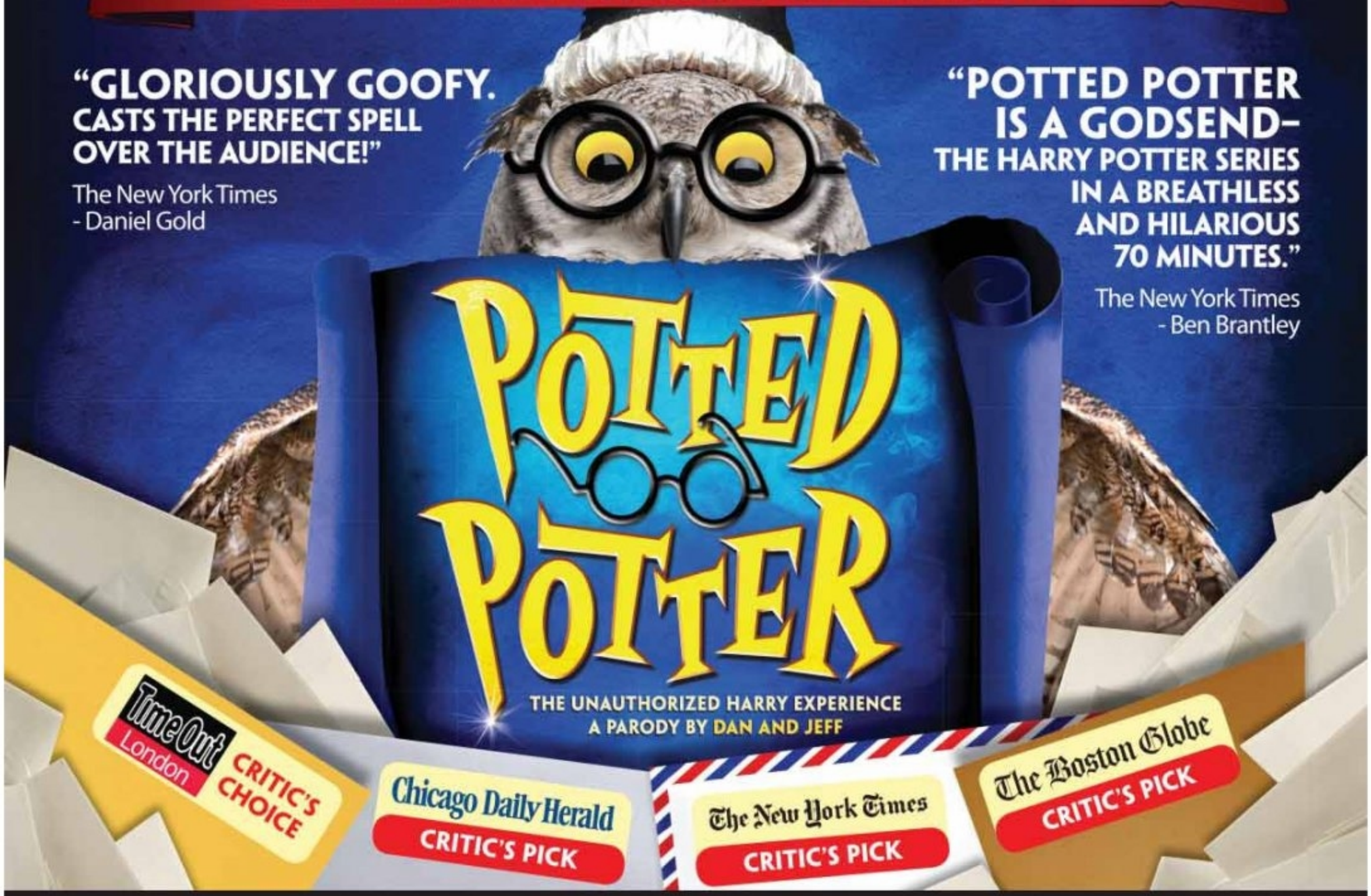
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